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**HENDERSON MAN SENTENCED FOR 2000 OWENSBORO BANK ROBBERY**

***– Sentenced to 14 years***

David L. Huber, United States Attorney for the Western District of Kentucky, announced today that on January 12, 2007, **SHERREL C. BROOKS**, age 33, of Henderson, Kentucky, in Henderson County, **was sentenced** in United States District Court, Owensboro, Kentucky, for bank robbery.

Joseph H. McKinley, Jr., Judge, United States District Court, sentenced **Brooks** to 14 years imprisonment, plus 3 years supervised release following incarceration. **There is no parole in the federal judicial system.** Brooks was also ordered to repay the bank \$9698.00 in restitution.

During his guilty plea hearing before Judge McKinley on October 2, 2006, **Brooks** admitted that on November 21, 2000, he robbed the Independence Bank branch located at 2465 West Parrish Avenue in Owensboro. **Brooks** brandished a weapon during the robbery and obtained \$9,698.00 in cash belonging to the bank by emptying several teller drawers. Wearing a ski-type mask, **Brooks** entered the bank around 3:30 p.m. and yelled for everyone to get down. He dropped the mask when rushing out of the bank. When he was later developed as a suspect by the FBI, there was a DNA match to **Brooks** from the dropped mask.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Thomas W. Dyke and was

investigated by the Owensboro Police Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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